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SUMMARY: THE FRG WANTS THE EC TO RESTATE ITS INTEREST
IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE FRG WILL ALSO BECOME MORE
ACTIVE IN THE AREA. END SUMMARY.

1. FONOFF SOURCES TELL US THAT THE FRG WILL PUSH HARD
FOR AGREEMENT BY THE EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS AT THEIR

MEETING NEXT WEEK ON A DRAFT STATEMENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST. IF SUCCESSFUL, THE STATEMENT WILL BE REFERRED TO THE EC MINISTERS FOR THEIR APPROVAL AND PUBLICATION AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MINISTERIAL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 1.

2. THE FRG WILL NOT ADVOCATE ANY ALTERATIONS IN THE EC'S STATEMENT OF NOVEMBER, 1973. OUR SOURCES SAY IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO SECURE AGREEMENT ON ANY ALTERATION. FURTHERMORE, A NEWER VERSION OF THE 1973 STATEMENT WOULD SERVE NO PURPOSE.

3. THE FRG WILL TRY TO SECURE AGREEMENT ON A SHORT TEXT WHICH:

A. NOTES THAT FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF THE NEGOTIATING CLIMATE AND THE NEED FOR PROGRESS TOWARD A PEACE SETTLEMENT IT IS TIME TO DO SOMETHING ON THE MIDDLE EAST;

B. REFERS TO THE 1973 STATEMENT AND SUBSEQUENT STATEMENTS BY THE EC AT THE UN;

C. RESTATES THE INTEREST OF THE EC TO ASSIST IN ARRIVING AT A SETTLEMENT; AND POSSIBLY

D. INCLUDES SOME LANGUAGE ABOUT EASING THE WAY TO A GENEVA CONFERENCE.

4. IN ADDITION, THE FRG PLANS TO URGE THAT THE EC
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APPROACH THE U.S. AS SOON AS THE NEW ADMINISTRATION IS IN PLACE IN ORDER TO EXPRESS THE EC'S WILLINGNESS TO EXPLORE WITH THE U.S. WHAT ROLE EUROPE CAN PLAY TO COMPLEMENT THE USG'S EFFORTS. ONE SOURCE ADDS THAT HE BELIEVES THAT THE EC'S DUBLIN FORMULA, WHICH PROVIDES FOR PARTICIPATION BY THE PLO IN THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE, COULD SERVE AS A BASIS FOR PLO PARTICIPATION IN A GENEVA CONFERENCE. HE THINKS THE EC SHOULD OFFER THE BENEFIT OF ITS EXPERIENCE (E.G., AN INVITATION TO THE ARAB LEAGUE RATHER THAN TO GOVERNMENTS) TO THE USG. HOWEVER, THE OFFICIAL FRG POSITION DOES NOT YET INCLUDE ESPOUSAL OF THE DUBLIN FORMULA FOR A GENEVA CONFERENCE. OUR SOURCES ARE NOT SURE IT WILL EVOLVE THIS FAR BY THE TIME THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEET NEXT WEEK.

5. THE FRG (VAN WELL AND BOECKER) DISCUSSED THE POINTS IN PARA 3 WITH THE FRENCH IN PARIS JANUARY 11 (PARIS

1502). ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES, THE FRENCH DID NOT
OPPOSE ANY OF THE GERMAN POINTS AND AGREED TO STUDY
THEM. THE NEXT TALKS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE ME EXPERTS
MEETING ON JANUARY 24. VAN WELL ALSO PLANS TO MEET
BILATERALLY WITH LABOULAYE AND HIBERT JUST BEFORE THE
POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING TO MAKE SURE THAT THE
FRENCH AND UK SUPPORT THE FRG'S PROPOSALS.

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6. OUR SOURCES CONFIRM THAT THE EC IS RECEIVING MORE PRESSURE FROM THE ARAB LEAGUE TO INCLUDE POLITICAL SUBJECTS IN THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE (EC BRUSSELS 544). THEY TELL US THAT THE ARABS ARE DIRECTING THEIR
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EFFORTS TOWARD REVISION OF THE LUXEMBOURG FORMULA (WHICH PERMITTED A POLITICAL STATEMENT BY EACH SIDE, BUT NO ENSUING DEBATE). THEY CLAIM THAT NEXT WEEK THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS WILL PROBABLY CONSIDER CHANGING THE LUXEMBOURG FORMULA AND PREDICT THAT THE DIRECTORS WILL AGREE THAT AN "INTERESTING DISCUSSION WHICH WILL BE LIMITED TO NON-CONTROVERSIAL SUBJECTS" CAN FOLLOW THE EXCHANGE OF POLITICAL STATEMENTS AT TUNIS.

7. COMMENT: OUR SOURCES STRESS THAT IT IS THE FRG'S INTENTION TO KEEP US FULLY INFORMED ABOUT GERMAN THINKING ON THE MIDDLE EAST. THEY DO NOT SEE EITHER THE FRG OR THE EC AS REPLACING THE U.S. IN ITS ACTIVE ROLE IN NEGOTIATIONS ON A PEACE SETTLEMENT. THEY DO BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THE EC CAN PLAY A ROLE IN THE AREA WHICH WILL COMPLEMENT U.S. EFFORTS. THE POLITICAL DIRECTOR FOR THE THIRD WORLD, LOTHAR LAHN, AND THE CHIEF OF THE NEAR EASTERN OFFICE, BOECKER, ARE PLANNING TENTATIVELY TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON IN FEBRUARY OR MARCH TO INFORM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE RESULTS OF GENSCHER'S VISITS TO JORDAN AND SYRIA FEBRUARY 8-12 AND OF THE PROSPECTS FOR HIS UPCOMING MEETING WITH FAHMI AND HIS VISIT TO ISRAEL.
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